

December 6, 2004

Attn: All prospective proposers

Subject: JPL Competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) No. JC-2663-595218 for Motion Simulator for the Mars Science Laboratory Touchdown Dynamics Testbed

Reference: Enclosures

The Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) is planning on launching a rover to Mars in 2009. The rover is expected to arrive in 2010 and will be delivered to the Mars surface using a new Entry, Descent and Landing System. A rocket powered descent stage will lower the rover safely to the surface of the planet directly onto its wheels. The motion simulator to be procured will be used for touchdown dynamics testing.

JPL invites your organization to submit a written proposal in conformance with the instructions contained in this letter and its enclosures, which comprise the RFP for JPL's acquisition of the subject effort.

Provide the name of your cognizant Government Audit Agency (i.e., DCAA, etc.), if any, their phone number and point of contact, and any copy of a letter that indicates their approval of your rates.

Please note that your proposal is due at JPL no later than **Monday, January 24, 2005, 3:00 PM Pacific Time**. The yellow label (see link on RFP website) must be affixed to your proposal to ensure correct receipt and handling at delivery to JPL.

As a convenience to JPL, please provide the undersigned, by Friday, December 17, 2004, an e-mail stating that your company do or do not intend to submit a proposal.

Should you have any questions, please address them to the undersigned at Jean.Y.Cheng@jpl.nasa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: RFP consisting of:

- Cover Sheet and Table of Contents
- General Instructions
- Technical/Management Instructions
- Cost Instructions
- RFP Attachments

Specimen Contract consisting of:

- Specimen Contract
- Referenced Exhibits
- Referenced GPs & AGPs